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Germans Take Another Verdun Fort; Raider Captured

in Bridgeport.

Salary of Position Will Be Increased - Myers Will Remain Temporarily Then Will Go To New Jersey Position.

A charity expert reputed to be almost a double of Fred R. Johnson, former superintendent of charities here, will succeed Leet B. Myers, gen-eral secretary of the Charity Organi-

zation society.

John R. Warren will be the new head of the society. He is now in a position at Boston, working under Mr. Johnson as an assistant secretary. He will take charge in Bridgeport April 1. Those who have come in contact with Mr. Warren declare that he is a second Johnson. He is aggressive, and has a physique of the same type as Johnson. His methods are those of the former superintendent here and during the last year or so he has been

studying under him. It is understood that Mr. Warren will have the advantage of Mr. Myers' experience here for a short time after taking the position, as the incumbent is not expected to leave this city until

According to an understanding now, Mr. Myers has access to an important position in East Orange, N. J., and it is likely he will accept.

The salary of the general secretary will be raised before the end of the year, according to present plans. As soon as the new secretary takes hold, the new ideas of the society, under its reorganization plan, will be put into effect.

Blody Fingerprints at Farmhouse Brought Into Trial For First Time.

Today's session in the trial of Ja-son S. Haines for the murder of his wife, Anna, when both were residing on the Chestnut Hill road, Trumbull. September resulted in open opposition to the first of a series of experts that have been summoned for

During an effort to present expert testimony on the character and manufacture of shot gun shells by Leon given so little chance. William Beardsley, a known and ammunition, the state felt com-Co. might answer summons sent to

For the first time in the testimony of bloody prints, probably of a hand, he went back on us. were disclosed to have been visible having seen such prints.

That it was George E. Hayes, a ties of Newtown on the morning of city in the defense. capture was made plain today in Mrs. Williams and her sister-in- by the town of Fairfield. About 20 sworn statements of Hayes, who dis- law, Mrs. J. B. Williams, both of whom years ago this section was annexed to closed the fact that Haines was seen standing on the main street by him minutes while Hayes was summoning Blakeman and Constable Thomas Carlson. An effort on the part of the defense to have the witness testify as to Haines condition at the time of capture was successopposed by the state with the result that the witness was asked to remain in the court that he might

be called for the defense if wanted. Constable Thomas Carlson, of New town, told of placing Haines under arrest and taking from his left side coat pocket several loaded gun shells. It was further shown that the Newtown lockup in which Haines dis placed was so damp and cold that the officers were unable to remain inside with Haines but were compelled to seek the exterior of the building to

keep warm. Though the witness was permitted to state that Dr. F. J. Gale of Newtown visited the prisoner in the lockup, the state successfully opposed an answer to the question of whether Dr. Gale or not gave the prisoner anything

at the time. Two witnesses were heard today upon the question of the number of gunshot wounds probably inflicted upon the body of Mrs. Haines. Dr. George B. Garlick of 474 State street. a city physician and Dr. E. B. Weldon. Broad street, of the emergency hospital, both of whom were present at the autopsy, declared that in opinion three shots were fired into the body. The left arm, which was parshattered by shot, they declared could not have been raised in a position to permit the arm and the body (Continued on Page 4.)

PREPARE FOR SPRING:

Man Who Resembles Fred trial emancipation to thousands more of workers in this neighborhood in R. Johnson in Physique all probability. Mrs. Mary Cully, who ceived better pay and better condiand Methods is To Be led the girls in the Bridgeport fac- tions after striking is no guarantee Head of C. O. S. Bureau ing conditions, last summer, has arriv- them. A union is a guarantee." ed in the city and is preparing to continue her campaign.

> several factories employing women, is likely to be among the first affected.
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> Prosperity is making the girls of great city," she said, as she walked Bridgeport careless, according to Mrs. on Main street last night.

"The first thing you know, some of coming careless, not attending their for the spring campaign

Nineteen-sixteen will bring indus-, meetings, and showing indifference, "A union to be of any use to the girls must be fostered and strengthened. The mere fact that the girls retories to better wages and better work- that they will continue to receive

Since her strenuous campaign last summer during which she did ines-All of Fairfield county and some of timable good here and became the idol New Haven county will be included of Bridgeport factory workers, Mrs. in a campaign for better things to be Scully has been traveling to many launched this spring. Preparations cities, where she has carried her gos-are under way. Derby, which has pel of eight hours and better pay.

James E. Roche, member of the general executive board of the Amerithese girls will lose what it took so can Federation of Labor, was expect-long to get. Many of them are be-ed here today to join in preparations

"IKE WAS DOUBLE **CROSSED," AVERS** MRS. WILLIAMS

Wife of Condemned Man Brave As His Death Hour Approaches.

PROTESTS BELIEF IN HIS INNOCENCE

His Brother's Wife Will Claim Body-Wife Has Said Farewell.

"Deep down in my heart I know

This is Mrs. Isaac N. Williams' comgranted, Williams and Harry Roe will records at the city hall.

in the West when she answered a marriage bureau advertisement and set out for the East to pecome a mail or-

Her handsomeness is marred by two spots of deep blue under her eyes. While she shows no emotion, her face betrays the fact that she has spent many a sleepless and tearful night since the arrest of her husband. "The state made a mistake." Mrs.

Will!ams said today, without rancor. "Just because a man has led a life like Ike has is no reason why he should be

"Deep in my heart I know he didn't experimenter in the subjects of guns do it. He did those other things, and he didn't have to tell about them if he an adjournment was taken until later gle thing to Mr. Shapiro. I'm sure when it was expected that ballistic he would have told Mr. Shapiro, if he heads of the Union Metallic Cartridge had done what he is accused of."

offered for the state, the appearance was supposed to be working for us, and use by the public.

"Why should he stand up there be-Simeon E. Pease, who was again re-called to the stand today testified of iro. What we think is that he made Thomas W. Pearsall, father of the

Mrs. Williams was referring to Ber- at Grovers Hill. who nard Higgins of Litchfield, who was

are living at 477 Broad street, protest Bridgeport. The late Thomas W. much that they don't understand how Pearsall purchased much land at their alibi could have been overridden. Grover's Hill and vicinity and built a Mrs. J. B. Williams says she met Isaac number of handsome summer homes Williams, Harry Roe and Frank Roe there which he furnished and sub-let on Water street, Poughkeepsie, during to wealthy persons. the hour that the attack on Case was fute the statements of Mrs. J. B. Williams on this matter.

thing," declared the condemned man's wife today. "Teeth were found on the floor of the store. They weren't Ike's and they weren't Harry Roe's. Case didn't lose any. So, whose were they? That's what Ike wants to know and that's what I want to know.

"There's nothing that can be done now. Mr. Shapiro did his best and The has asked me to thank him. He tried hard to save my husband."

Mrs. Williams will not return to the West, she says. She has a position here and will remain. Mrs. J. B. Williams will claim the body of Ike. Mrs. Isaac Williams has said good bye to him already and will not go to the prison again.

GETS POST IN BERLIN

Washington, March 2 .- Oliver Bishop Harriman, of New York, has been appointed secretary of embassy at Bersucceed Alexander Comstock Kirk, of Chicago, who has been transferred to the embassy at Constantino

THE WEATHER

Snow followed by clearing slightly colder tonight; Friday Fresh east to north winds.

Seeks to Establish Owner ship of Property Near Grovers Hill.

APPRAISAL BOARD MAY ASK BENEFITS

Question Over Clarity of Title Claimed By Black Rock Resident.

Despite the action of the common that he didn't do it. I know from Grovers avenue in Black Rock, P. S. council in voting for a new layout for things Ike has told me he didn't do Pearsall, who claims the land over which this road runs and who recentment on the conviction of her hus-band on the charge of murdering accept the decision of either the city County Commissioner Hubert Case of attorney or the common council.

Barkhamsted. Unless a reprieve is busy for several months searching busy for several months searching

> Hill road, as it is more familiarly known to the old residents of the Black Rock district, goes through land which Mr. Pearsall claims.

In return for this land, which it is proposed to take, the common councll has voted that Mr. Pearsall be given the land over which the old road now runs. This will give him possession of all the ground from the crest of Grovers Hill down to the line of the new road which it is proposed shall skirt the sea shore front following westward the line of Black Rock harbor past the summer villa German ship got away. brow of the hill around St. Marys-bythe-Sea and into Gilman avenue at a pelled to withdraw the witness and didn't want to, but he told every sin- point a short distance from the Court-

It is said that Mr. Pearsall is un willing to accept this arrangement Calmly, and without a trace of bit- and that he is now endeavoring to es-

Residents of Black Rock claim that the present Grovers avenue has been on the rear of the Haines home fore the board of pardons and say he open to public travel for more than shortly after the crime. Sheriff believed Williams was guilty? I was 35 years and that it was a thorough-Ike the 'goat' to save the Pfaefflins." present claimant, bought the property

That section was then known as the turned Haines over to the authori- associated with Charles S. spiro of this borough of Black Rock and had its

The summer colony that came there The state attempted to re- every year was counted among the most exclusive in the United States, Pearsall built the elegant brick "And I want to tell you another and stone mansion which stands or

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Poured Whiskey Into Cut On Hand and Is Fined For Drinking

The medical methods of the Good Samaritan haven't been used in a long time in this neighborhood, but Julius Outlaw, colored, has revived Julius' hand was cut last even-

ing. He didn't have anything for cuts in his medicine chest but had a snake bite cure—a whole half pint. Julius had read some where about how the Good Samaritan poured wine into the wounds of the highwaymen's victim, and he thought he couldn't go wrong if he followed the Biblical example.

Something slipped, however, Maybe Julius thought he had a sore throat. Anyway, he was in the city court this morning and was fined \$5 and costs for drunkess. He said he hasn't taken a drink for four months but he had poured a pint flask of whiskey on

FROM VERDUN, IS TAKEN IN NEW GERMAN ATTACK

London, March 2—Amsterdam despatch to the Central News says that Fort Vaux, five miles to the northeast of Verdun has been destroyed by heavy mortars, according to unconfirmed German reports but that the Germans cannot approach the fort as the French have brought heavy artillery to bear on the approaches.

French Fail to Retake Douamont.

Berlin, March 2-The official German statement of today says the French were unsuccessful in a counter-attack for the Douamont, one of the outlying defenses of Verdun which was captured by the Germans. The situation of the Franco-Belgian front, the communication says, is unchanged.

MOEWE, GERMAN RAIDER

Buenos Ayres, March 2-Press de- other version of the account is that hang promptly after midnight.

Mrs. Williams is a Western girl. She has a calm and poise and quiet confidence that explains her courage in disdence that explains her courage in disdenc spatches from Montevideo say that a the vessel in question is the Gercruisers had captured the German auxiliary cruiser Moewe.

The Moewe, it was said, was taken by the British cruisers to the Island

The American steamer Santa Barthat a French cruiser which put out to capturing the Appam. name not given, and opened fire on

She was, works by the French fire. There is some doubt, however, as

man cruiser Roen.

SENATE, N. FIRST VOTE

ON ARMED SHIP ISSUE

ish steamship Appam, in charge of word of a mysterious German commerce raider, the Moewe, which was roaming the seas and had captured bara has arrived at Montevideo, her and sunk seven British merchantmen captain making the announcement and admiralty transports, in addition Despatches from Daker, on the west coast of Afri-ca, emcountered a German raider, month reported the arrival of the British steamer Westburn with a German prize crew on board, said to be to the status of armed merchantmen, Under cover of the darkness, the from the Moewe.

According to these reports, the of Gen. Thomas L. Watson, under the however, damaged on her upper Moewe, continuing his activities after alent of auxiliary war vessels and has the capture of the Appam and the seven other British vessels, between to the identity of the German vessel Jan. 16 and Feb. 9, sank five British reported to have been captured. An- steamers off the coast of Brazil.

terness, Mrs. Williams said: "That tablish his title to all the property in other lawyer double-crossed us. He the vicinity and to close it to future was supposed to be working for us and the property in the vicinity and to close it to future was supposed to be working for us and the by the public. IN NEW U-BOAT WARFARE

five more vessels was reported to-The crews of three British smacks landed at Lowestoft. The vessels are

said to have been sunk in the North

The Italian sailing ship Elisa also is reported to have been sunk. The Russian steamship Alexander Steamship Company of Petrograd.

London, March 2-The sinking of | Wentzel has been sunk. Eighteen of the crew were drowned and

eleven rescued gross tons, was reported in the latest available shipping records as having arrived at Cardiff on Jan. 23. man and any American citizen is in- he was in accord with Senator Stone's She was built at West Hartlepool in 1899 and was owned by the Northern

TO CONTINUE ARMED SHIPS

Rome, March 2 .- The Italian ambassador at Washington, Count Macchi, has been instructed to notify the plies regarding the sinking of armed cated. will continue to carry armament. The ambassador also has been in-

structed to say that Italian merchantmen will use their artillery only for defensive purposes. LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

announcement that no speculative in New York, indicted last week by a dent, and if I must disagree with my person as has been informally sugdealings would be permitted in metals Federal grand jury on the charge of colleagues, I must not face this as a gested. used for the making of munitions; the operating a radio station without havmembers of the London Metal ex-change today decided to suspend all ment, appeared in the United States dealings, with the exception of those district court today and entered a for defensive or offensive purpose, if ized the proposed vote of confidence as in tin, pending the report of a deputation which will interview the min- for next Tuesday. W. J. H. Bohan- the equivalent of a war vessel. istry of unions tomorrow. Dealings nan, who entered an appearance for in the Glasgow pig iron market also Scoffeld, was admitted to prectice in have been suspended.

ENGLAND SENDS REPLY TO U. S. MAIL PROTESTS

Washington, March 2—Secretary Lansing said that Ambassador Page, at London, had cabled an outline of Great Britain's reply to the American doubt if anyone does, what constiprotest against interferences with tutes defensive purposes. mails, which is coming by post. He

Stamford Wireless Operator In Court; Not Guilty, His Plea

BUSINESS AT STANDSTILL Scofield, of Stamford, a telegraph op- ing body. If it must come to this, either house, to send any facts to Con-London, March 2. Following the erator in the Grand Central erminal and I must disagree with the Presi- gress or to appear before Congress in this court

Facing Delay in House, Leaders Plan to Have Anti-Administration Measure Brought to Immediate Vote in Senate, Where Sufficient Strength to Smash Resolution is Mustered-Minority Leader Mann to Confer With President on Attitude of Republicans in House-Democratic Leaders Have Another Meeting With Chief Executive and Will Speed Legislation So That Early Vote May Be Had.

Washington, March 2.—Administration forces, faced with delay in the House, turned today to the Senate to carry out President Wilson's demand for the defeat of resolutions warning Americans off armed ships of European belligerents.

Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, announcing openly from the floor that he was not in accord with the President on the issue, proposed, however, that the Senate take an adjournment instead of another recess and thereby get into a new legislative day, relieving the parliamentary situation which thus far has held Senator Gore's resolution from coming to a vote.

His action was taken after a conference of administration leaders who were satisfied they had the votes to defeat the Gore resolution and demonstrate to Germany that the arguments against President Wilson's foreign policy do not have the support of Congress.

'It has been decided to bring the resolution up for action as soon as possible, but probably not today, " said Senator James, of Kentucky, one of the administration supporters. "We have got the votes in the Senate to

President Wilson and Republican Leader Mann, of the House, will discuss the attitude of Republicans on the Roads several weeks ago of the Britdent's request. The President intends to place the issue a German prize crew. She brought squarely before the Republicans in an effort to gain their

proposal, made a statement of the in the near future. The President is international situation as he under-

"A sharp issue has been defined be- warning, keeping people off belligerent tween Germany and Great Britain as armed merchant vessels are the equivannounced her policy to be that after some thoughtless citizen. March 1 armed merchantmen would be regarded as warships and subject

to the duties of war. "On the other hand, Great Britain contends that under international law belligerents. I am sure that is so, I merchantmen have the right to be under the law to the same immunity as unarmed ships, without regard to the resolution must be defeated. She has announced her intention to carry out that policy.

two governments. "Now where does the United States come in? In this way: If both substitute for all pending resolutions persis tin these courses, neither yield- on the subject. The Alexander Wentzel, of 2,838 ing to each other, nor to the importunities of neutral nations, and if Germany attacks an armed merchantwere on board we would have no cause to interfere unless we proceeded on the altruistic theory of obligations,

of humanity. "To my mind this emergency is of high importance. The President, Senators and Representatives should speak with each other and with the public, free from political bias. We should wear our hearts on our sleeves so we may know our position exact-

"The President's attitude is this He supports the contention that belligerent merchantmen have the right bu the does not say, nor do I, and I were against it.

sink a merchafitman, the President directly with the issue on which the proposes to consider the attack a lawless act. He will be disposed to hold A meeting of the committee which the German government to strict ac- was to have been held this morning countability and if the German gov-ernment persisted he would be tempt-ternoon, when Chairman Flood will ed to sever diplomatic relations and deliver the President's message, submit the matter to Congress which. Up to the present, Mr. Wilson has under the constitution, is the war man. political question. My duty is clear. House that no such questions would I cannot but believe that if a belliger- be taken up until they were presented ent merchantman is armed, whether

"I cannot discuss the question now but will merely state that in duty to iterated that no such resolution would myself, to my constituents and to my

Senator Stone, at the outset of his country, I will discuss here at length opposed to the Gore resolution. is not only oppposed to laws on the subject but to any form of

> "If I could have my way, I would "Germany contends that take some step to save this country from becoming embrofled in the European war through the recklesquess of

"The President has written Senator Pou that the resolution has been a source of embarrassment to him in the diplomatic negotiations with the have diligently sought to prevent resarmed for defensive purposes and olutions on this subject being adopted that armed merchantmen are entitled and sought to allay agitation on this subject. Now we are informed that

Senator Stone declared it was his hope that something could be done "That is the issue between these at once to bring the President and Congress more closely in accord on the issue and that he was framing a

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, declared jured the question is presented to desire for prompt action and he this government what our attitude agreed that the issue was more imwould be; if no American citizens portant than anything else now before

President Wilson told Chairman Flood, of the House foreign affairs committee, early today, that he would consent to no compromise on the armed ship issue and desired a direct vote on a resolution warning Americans off armed ships of the bel-

Mr. Flood took the President's decision to the committee.

Reports to the administration today were that yesterday 10 members of the foreign affairs committee were in favor of reporting out the McLemore resolutions to warn Americans to bear arms for defensive purposes off armed ships and nine members There are 21 members of the committee. Some of these who expressed opinions were opposed "Furthermore, if a German warship to the McLemore resolution because American government that, notwith-standing the German and Austrian re-declined to say what the outline indi-without warning should attack and it contains expressions not connected President insists on voting

not been asked to see any committee of It was said at the Administration officials

President and at the same time warn Americans off armed ships. They re-(Continued on page 4)